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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION

PRESS COVERAGE OF JAMAICA'S UNILATERAL "SOLUTION" TO BAUXITE TALK
IMPASSE ALMOST UNIVERSALLY SUPPORTS GOJ. GLEANER MORE SUBDUED
THAN DAILY NEWS, BUT BOTH DAILES REFLECTING GENERAL FAVORABLE
REACTION LOCALLY, REGIONALLY AND ELSEWHERE

OF TWENTY PROMINENT JAMAICANS PRESENT AT LEANER BOARD MONTHLY
LUNCHEON THURSDAY, ATTENDED BY PAO, ONLY LESLIE ASHENHEIM,
GLEANER BOARD CHARIMAN, OBJECTED TO GOJ UNILATERAL ACTION,
EXPRESSING FEAR OF END TO FOREIGN INVESTMENT

AT PRESS ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY LUNCHEON FRIDAY, GUEST SPEAKER,
REX NETTLEFORD, TRADE UNION INSTITUTE CHAIRMAN, SET "MACHISMO"
TONE WITH HEAVILY-APPLAUDED REMARK THAT "EVERY JAMAICAN
STANDS TWO INCHES TALLER TODAY AND THE PRIME MINISTER FOUR
INCHES". NETTLEFORD ALSO CHARACTERIZED MULTINATIONAL

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OPEATIONS AS "LOGICAL EXTENSION OF COLONIALIS".

PRESS HAS FULLY REPORTED REACTIONS OF STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKES-
MAN, AS WELL AS STATEMENTS BY ALCOA AND ALCAN, HAS COVERED
COMPANIES' ANNOUNCEMENTS OF APPEALS TO ICSID AND JAMAICA'S
EARLIER PRE-EMPTION OF ICSID ROLE, WITH JDN PRAISING EDITORIALY
AND IN CARTOON GOJ' ASTUTENESS IN ANTICIPATING COMPANY MOVE.
TODAY JDN BANNERS REPORT THAT JAPANESE AND GERMANS ARE INTERES-
TED, ALONG WITH UNNAMED EUROPEAN COUNTRY, IN PARTICIPATING IN
BAUXITE EXPLOITATION. PAPER NOTES THAT CONTRACTS WITH NORTH
AMERICAN COMPANIES HERETOFORE PROHIBITED PARTICIPATION BY OTHERS.
IN OTHER POSSIBLE MOVES TO SHOW FOREIGNERS STILL INTERESTED IN
INVESTMENT HERE, BOTH DAILES PUBLISHED TODAY STORIES OF
CANADIAN
INVESTMENT IN NEGRIL AREA AND BOTH FRONT-PAGED PICTURES OF
PUERTO RICAN TRADE MISSION ARRIVAL SUNDAY WITH POSITIVE
RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS ON INVESTMENT BY PR COMPANIES.
SIMILAR QUESTIONS WERE ASKED AT PRESS CONFERENCE
TODAY. HEWITT

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